

January 4, 2007

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren and Williams attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Comm. Epison; Supt. Givens; Acting Fire Chief Reese; and Attorney Funkhouser.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Williams moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Sewage \$ 38,186.41

Payroll 101,575.22

General, MVHF 63,759.98

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Acting Fire Chief Reese stated he would like to get permission for three fire schools that are coming up this year. He stated the first one is in January for a week and he would like to attend as well as two others, at a cost of \$375.00 each. He continued by stating the next school is in Champaign, IL in March. He added the city will only be responsible for the cost of the room, they will be staying two nights and he would like to attend along with three others. He then stated the final school is in April in Indianapolis at a cost of \$410 each and he would like to send three to that school.

Mayor Knowles asked if he is sending different members of the department to each school ?

Acting Fire Chief Reese replied yes.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Board member Askren moved permission for all schools be given along with the use of the city credit card and city vehicle. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions of the acting chief ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Epison stated trash Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, will be picked up on Tuesday, January 16.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Beloit reported in 2006 the department was awarded a grant for night vision equipment and Officer Bohleber was sent to Maryland to train on the equipment. He added they have now been awarded another grant for a mini buster, that they will use for contraband investigations, drug investigations, etc. He added training for this equipment will be held in St. Louis and all expenses are paid for. He stated Officer Bohleber as well as Officer Alldredge will attend. He added the training is February 12th and 13th.

Board member Williams asked if they apply for these types of grants every year ?

Chief Beloit replied yes, as long as he has been chief anyway, and they have been awarded two out of three years.

Mayor Knowles stated she really appreciates the efforts of the department on going after these grants as well as the officers that take the time to be trained on the new equipment. She then moved permission to attend the equipment training in St. Louis be given, as well as use of the city vehicle, if needed. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is action on the bids for 2007 supplies that were opened at their previous meeting.

Attorney Funkhouser raised an issues on items that are grouped together.

Comm. Epison stated E & B Paving was the low bidder on item 6A, but actually they are all Item 6, they should be considered one item, therefore, all of Item 6 should be awarded to J H Rudolph. He then stated Item 7, crack sealing, though they do have a low bidder, he is looking into the street department doing this work themselves this years.

Board member Williams moved the Board accept the lowest responsive bidder on all items, per Attorney Funkhouser's letter, pending department head approval and Item 6A going to J H Rudolph. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Item #1 - no bid

Item #2, #3, #4 - Mulzer Crushed Stone.

Item #5 - E & B Paving

Item #6 - J H Rudolph

Item #7 - Pavement Solutions

Item #8 - No bid

Item #9 - Brenntag Mid-South

Item #10 - Brenntag Mid-South

Item #11 - Brenntag Mid-South

Item #12 - Ulrich Chemical

Item #13 - Brenntag Mid-South

Item #14 - Brenntag Mid-South

Item #15 - Delta Chemical

Item #16 - Brenntag Mid-South

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated if there was no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Williams moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST: